



## Media Advisory

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### **“Wet Hens” reunite with history, love for sailing**

**What:** 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of “Wet Hens” sailing club and sailing event at Hickam Harbor

**When:** June 30, 2011, beginning at 10 a.m.

**Who:** Fifty women, who are all spouses of active-duty military personnel and part of the sailing club, will sail together at Hickam Harbor as part of their 50<sup>th</sup> reunion

**Where:** Hickam Harbor, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam

**Background:** In 1961, a group of Air Force wives learned to sail from the Harbormaster, Lou Foster, for whom Foster’s Point at Hickam Harbor is named. Early in their relationship, he referred to his students as a bunch of “Wet Hens,” and the name stuck. After learning to sail, the women wanted to share their newfound skills with other women, and those first “Wet Hens” started a 50-year tradition. The group followed the philosophy of their longtime supporter Lou Foster: he believed that to have strong Soldiers, Sailors, and Airmen who kept their minds on their jobs, it was up to MWR (Morale, Welfare and Recreation) to keep their families happy even when their spouses were miles away from home. This sailing event will be the 50<sup>th</sup> reunion of the Wet Hens.

The current Skipper, Tracey Lisch, wife of Lt. Col. Robert Lisch, and other members of the Wet Hens will be available for interviews.

**Contact:** Media wishing to cover the event should contact MC1 Wayne Randall at 473-3788 or 228-0995 by 3 p.m. Wednesday, June 29. Media will meet MC1 Randall at the Pass & ID Office parking lot located outside Nimitz Gate at 10 a.m. on Thursday, June 30, for escort to Hickam Harbor.

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